

BOILING WATER or MILK.
 DAY Rest. Plans from W. Pritchard and Son, 100 King-st.

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Auction Sales.

THIS DAY, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, at 11 a.m.

FOR SALE BY AUCTION.

Under instructions from the Importers.

5000 BAGS WHITE and YELLOW SUGARS
753 PAKETS LARD NEW
60 BOXES EVANS' CALVES-POOT FOLLY
12 CASKS BURLING ENGLISH HOME WATER
8 CASES TURBINE
60 DOZEN COLORED-LIVES
100 DOZ MACKINAC
CASKS CORN PACKED SULPHUR
100 DOZ MACADONIA
DUTTO ASSORTED OF ROJA
DUTTO OF ZELANDIA
DUTTO SALAD OIL
MUNICH BEER BROOMS
100 MIXED BROWN WINDSOR SOAP
CASK RAVANA COGNAC
DUTTO BOTTLED BRAND'S SHERRY ALE
DUTTO OIL
DUTTO BEER, ASSORTED BRANDS.

To Whomals and Retail Grocers, Storekeepers, Dealers,
etc.

HARRIS and ACKMAN will SELL the ABOVE

DAY, December 11, at 11 a.m.
TERMS AT SALE.
THIS DAY, DECEMBER 11, at 11 a.m.
FOR SALE BY AUCTION.
Special shipment of
54 CARBON RHINE WINES,
suitable for the Christmas season,
as under
 10 CASES JOHANNESBERGER
 10 DITTO RHEINHAUSER
 10 DITTO RUDERSHEIMER
 10 DITTO SCHLOSS
 5 DITTO POMMARD
 6 DITTO CLARETHERIN.

TO Private Buyers, Families, Clubs, Wine and Spirit
Merchants, &c.

HARRIS and ACKMAN will SELL, THE ABOVE
AT AUCTION, at their Mart, 190, First Street,
DAY, DECEMBER 11, at 11 a.m.

TERMS AT SALE.
THIS DAY, DECEMBER 11, at 11 a.m.
FOR POSITIVE SALE BY AUCTION.

By order of the Consignees.
Consignees of whom it may be seen.

Just landed, ex S.S. GRYLA,
1000 BUKES DATUM,
as per survey report.

375 BUKES DATUM, in good order
220 Ditto ditto, all faults of say?
300 Ditto ditto, all faults.

To Wholesale and Retail Grocers, Horsekeepers,
Butchers, &c.

**HARRIS and ACKMAN will sell the ABOVE
AUCTION, at their MART, 190 FIFTY-SEVEN
THIRD AVE., DEC. 12, 1901, at 11 a.m.**

TERMS AT SALE.

**THIS DAY, DECEMBER 10, AT 11 A.M.
FOR POSITIVE SALE BY AUCTION.**

**11 CARRS NOBLE CELEBRATED ENGLISH HAM
In sound order and condition.**

To Wholesale and Retail Grocers, Horsekeepers,
Butchers, &c.

**HARRIS and ACKMAN will sell the ABOVE
AUCTION, at their Mart, 190 FIFTY-SEVEN, THIS DAY
DECEMBER 11, 1901, at 11 a.m.**

TERMS AT SALE.
THIS DAY, DECEMBER 16,
at 3.30 p.m.

EXTENSIVE SALE BY AUCTION

SUPERIOR COLONIAL-MADE FURNITURE,
comprising
CEDAR AND PINE CHESTS OF DRAWERS,
Combination and Portable;
PAIRS OF CEDAR AND PINE BEDROOM SETS,
with Marble Tops;
HANDSOME CLARKE AND COOPER'S,
Pine-glass Drawers, with Drawers and Cupboards;
OFFICE TABLES and DRAWERS, TOILET TABLES,
Kitchens, and the like, in Cedar and Mahogany;
ELEGANT CEDAR AND PINE BEDROOM BUTTER,
kitchen and Pine Chests, and a large quantity of
DINING TABLES;
Ward and Linen Chests, and a quantity of
LARGE CEDAR SIDEBOARDS,
with Benches and Drawers, and a quantity of
Drawers, Colonnades, &c.;
PINE AND CEDAR WARDROBES,
with Ironed Pans and Drawers;
HANDSOME GYPSUM TABLE, MIRRORS, &c.,
in Walnut and Black-and-Gold Frames,
&c., &c.

By Auctioneers, Messrs. Hargreaves & Co.,
Furniture and Household Goods Merchants,
10, Abchurch Lane, London, E.C. 4.

HARRIS and ACKMAN will hold the ABOVE EXTENSIVE SALE BY AUCTION of their MARBLE, STATUARY, CHINA, GLASS, ETC., on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 2.30 p.m.

TERMS, CASH.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, AT 11 A.M.

FOR SALE BY AUCTION.

Under instruction one from Importers.

1 CASES GALVANISED CORRUGATED IRON, 4000, 5 to 7 feet

2 CASES BRASS RIBBON CHIMNEYS

10 DITTO " PALMABRICKS

10 CASES BRICK PAVING

10 CASES FINISH SO SAILS

10 CASES BRICKS, BLACK AND GREY

10 CASES MACHINERY

2 CASES BRASS KICK BLACK

50 SETS TABLE WALL AND DESK MICROPHONES

10 CASES LUGGAGE SETS With All Fixtures

1 TRUCK CASCIO

2 CASES " GREY " GALVANISED CORRUGATED

HARRIS and ACKMAN will SELL the ABOVE
SAUTION, at their Mar., 10, First-st., on WED-
NESDAY EVEN'G, 19th DEC. 11 at 11 a.m.

TERMS AT
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, AT 11 A.M.
ATTRACTIVE SALE BY AUCTION
at
CLYDE
 in Winchester-st., Paddington,
 under instructions from
 Mrs. AUSTIN
 in consequence of her departure from the colony,
 of the
SUPERIOR FURNITURE and HOUSEHOLD
EFFECTS,
 including
 Oil Paintings, and Belton Furniture,
 Oil Paintings, Water-color Paintings, &c.
BRILLIANT-TONED PIANOFORTE, by ROBEKERT
 in Walnut and Gold Case.
 Ormamented, Carpeta, Floorcloths, &c.
 Kitchen Utensils, &c.
 Pottery.

To Ladies and Gentlemen Furnishing, Dealers, &c.

HARRIS and ACKMAN have been favoured with the instructions from the Board of Directors to conduct the above sale at their residence, "Clyde," 38 Windsor street, Paddington, on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16th, at 11 a.m.**

TERMS AT SALE.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16th and 17th, commencing each day at 11 a.m.

FOR SALE BY AUCTION.

UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE TRUSTEES of the Estate of
MAJOR WOLFE JAMES, and CO.,
the whole of the
VALUABLE STOCK & FURNITURE
(which has been removed to the Rooms for convenience of sale)

consisting of

GOLD and SILVER JEWELLERY.
GOLD and SILVER WATCHES and CLOCKS.
STERLING SILVER and BRASS.
IRONMONGERY, CHINA GOODS, GUNS and
SADDLERY.
ELECTROPLATED GOODS.
TOBACCONIST'S GOODS and CUTLERY.

IRON FANS, FITTINGS, AND PLANT.

No. 82, 83.

*. THE AUCTIONEER has the punctual attendance of the trade to this positive manufacturing sale. Every article will be knocked down to the highest bidder, it being our policy that the whole of the stock must be cleared prior to the Christmas holidays.

THE SALE WILL OPEN WITH THE GOLD AND SILVER JEWELLERY AND WATCHES.

To liquidate, Facer, Watchmakers, Ironmongers, Tobacconists, Storekeepers, Speculators.

Rm.

HARRIS and ACKMAN have received instructions from the Trustees of the Estate of MRS. W. H. HARRIS, and CO. to sell by auction, as above, on WEDNESDAY, 29th DECEMBER, 1893, between 11 and 12 o'clock, commencing each day at 11 a.m.

TERMS AT SALE.

Further particulars future issues.

Auction Sales.
PUBLIC AUCTION.
FRISCO JAM JAR.
THE BEST AND CHEAPEST WIDE MOUTH JAR WHICH HAS
EVER BEEN OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC.
EACH BOTTLE GUARANTEED PERFECT.
MADE IN 2 SIZES, AT THE FOLLOWING PRICES:—
1 QUART, 8s. DOZEN. 1 GALLON, 9s. DOZEN.
TO BE OBTAINED ONLY FROM
F. LASSETTER AND CO. LIMITED.
GEORGE STREET, SYDNEY.
IMMENSE REDUCTION.
THIS WEEK ONLY.
FURNITURE, BEDSTEADS, CARPETS, BEDDING.
USEFUL CHRISTMAS AND WEDDING PRESENTS. FORTY CARS ENGLISH FURNITURE, JUST ARRIVED EX AUSTRIA.
A. HALL AND COMPANY,
CORNER GEORGE AND LIVERPOOL STREETS.
HALL'S NEW ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE POST FREE.

Tenders.
ARTISTS AND PAINTERS.—If you want best quality glass for your work, buy from JAMES HALL AND CO. 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 289, 291, 293, 295, 297, 299, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 397, 399, 401, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411, 413, 415, 417, 419, 421, 423, 425, 427, 429, 431, 433, 435, 437, 439, 441, 443, 445, 447, 449, 451, 453, 455, 457, 459, 461, 463, 465, 467, 469, 471, 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MATERNAL REVOLUTION.—With a view to providing the poor of the district with Christmas dinner, the Mayor (Alderman J. J. Jones) has written to the local ministers of the various denominations asking to be informed of the names of the poor who may obtain the same. He has also written to the local ministers of the various denominations asking to be informed of the names of the poor who may obtain the same.

THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—At last night's meeting of the Burwood Council, the Mayor (Alderman J. J. Jones) submitted a special minute in relation to the proposed extension of the water supply to the district. He stated that he had interviewed the Mayor of Singapore, who agreed with him in recommending that three miles only be allowed to the water supply, and that the rest of the district should be supplied by the water supply.

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SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE HERALD'S LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

THE WAR IN THE EAST.

LONDON, Dec. 17.

The Chinese forces at Feng Huang Tchang were routed by the Japanese. They had 250 men killed, while the Japanese loss was 100.

It is reported that the Manchurians are making overtures to the Japanese with a view to the deposition of the present dynasty in China.

The Japanese troops in Manchuria are suffering terrible hardships consequent upon the intense cold. Much disease prevails in their camps.

A force of 250 European and American marines has arrived at Peking to guard the foreign legations.

FRANCE AND MADAGASCAR.

THE HOVAS ACCEPT THE FRENCH CONDITIONS.

LONDON, Dec. 17.

It is reported that the Hovas are convinced of the futility of resistance to France, and that they have agreed to accept the French conditions.

THE FRENCH IN WEST AFRICA.

HINTERLAND OF DAHOMEY.

LONDON, Dec. 17.

France has secured the hinterland of Dahomey, West Africa, by a treaty with King Borgou.

THE RUSSIAN LOAN.

LONDON, Dec. 17.

The Russian loan of £16,000,000, which was principally raised in Paris, has been subscribed 50 times over.

THE ITALIAN PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, Dec. 17.

The Italian Parliament has been prorogued.

Parliament was prorogued with the object of checking the tactics of M. Giolitti, the Premier, and the endeavour of the Committee of Inquiry into the suppressed documents in connection with the Banca Romana scandal to involve Signor Crispi, the Premier, in the scandal.

THE TEST CRICKET MATCH.

GREGORY'S INNINGS APPLAUDED.

LONDON, Dec. 17.

The Daily Chronicle this morning applauds the batting of S. Gregory in the test cricket match at Sydney between England and Australia.

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOUR.

PERTH, MONDAY.

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THE UNITED STATES CURRENCY.

LONDON, Dec. 17.

The Banking Committee of the United States House of Representatives has approved of the Currency Bill introduced by Mr. J. G. Carlisle, Secretary to the Treasury.

DEATH OF A PAINTER.

LONDON, Dec. 17.

The death is announced of Sir Oswald Walters Brierley, F.R.S., the well-known marine painter, who accompanied the Duke of Edinburgh in his voyage round the world in the Galatea in 1867.

AUSTRALIAN ESTATES MORTGAGE COMPANY.

LONDON, Dec. 17.

The shares and debentures in the Australian Estates Mortgage Company have been allotted.

BRITISH BROKEN HILL SILVER-MINING COMPANY.

LONDON, Dec. 17.

At the meeting of shareholders of the British Broken Hill Silver-mining Company to-day the accounts were passed. The directors withdrew their proposal to convert shares into stock. They propose to shortly reduce the capital of the company. Mr. Brandon submitted a favourable report upon the management and working prospects of the mine.

GOLD-MINING IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

LONDON, Dec. 17.

The shares in the White Feather Main Reef Gold-mining Company, Western Australia, have been allotted.

THE HARVEST IN THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

LONDON, Dec. 17.

The reports of the harvest in the Argentine Republic are conflicting. It is estimated that about 7,000,000 quarters will be available for export.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

ADELAIDE, MONDAY.

An application to refuse the granting of a patent to Mr. Gray, of Sydney, for the invention of a starting machine in South Australia, was heard before the Commissioner of Patents to-day. It was proved on behalf of the objector, R. A. White, that the machine was not new.

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VICTORIA.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

MELBOURNE, MONDAY.

MEETING OF THE CABINET.

RESIGNATION OF MR. J. M. PRATT.

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ACTION FOR ALLEGED LIBEL.

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THE FEDERAL BANKING COMPANY.

EXAMINATION OF WILLIAM McLEAN.

MELBOURNE, MONDAY.

An adjourned examination sitting was held in the Insolvency Court to-day, before Judge Malleson, with reference to the affairs of the Federal Banking Company in liquidation.

THE NEWCASTLE COAL TRADE.

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COUNTRY NEWS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

SUDDEN DEATH IN A TRAIN.

COWRA, MONDAY.

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STRANGE ATTEMPT TO COMMIT SUICIDE.

BLAYNEY, MONDAY.

At the police court to-day a man named McGee, a naturalist, received a sentence of two months imprisonment in Bathurst Gaol for attempted suicide. He had been found by the train guard.

DROWNING FATALITY IN THE HUNTER RIVER.

WEST MAITLAND, MONDAY.

Yesterday morning a young man named John Ford, aged 18 years, was drowned in the Hunter River, near East Maitland, while bathing. He was accompanied by two other young men.

TYPHOID FEVER AT WILKANNA.

WILKANNA, MONDAY.

In view of the outbreak of typhoid fever the Government has despatched a marine and a doctor to Wilkanna, to investigate the cause of the disease. It is reported that the disease is spreading.

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THE WEATHER.

RAIN REPORTS FROM INLAND.

A SOUTHERLY CHANGE.

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SUDDEN DEATH AT SAMOA.

PARALYSIS OF THE BRAIN.

(BY CABLE.)

AUCKLAND, MONDAY.

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